

LOVE NEVER FAILETH

A Treatise on Peace for a World at War



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— Matthew 5:9

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PROLOGUE

An Invitation to Another Way

Hark, ye rulers of the earth! Ye who sit in palaces of power and command armies from afar! Lend thine ears to a different counsel, for the path ye now tread leadeth only to ashes and the tears of mothers.

I come not with sword nor shield, but with words as old as time itself — yet words this bleeding world hath forgotten. This is not a book of politics. It does not speak of borders, resources, or the ambitions of kings.

It speaks of something older. Something stronger. Something the world has always known but always forgets.

It speaks of love. And love, unlike every empire ever built upon this earth, never faileth.

If you are a president, read this slowly. If you are a general, read this twice. If you are a mother whose child wears a uniform, read this and weep with us — and then share it with everyone you know. If you are an ordinary soul who hath simply grown weary of watching the world destroy itself — this book was written for you most of all.

There is another way. There hath always been another way. These pages exist to remind us of it.



PART THE FIRST

The Old Lie Is Examined and Found Wanting

“If thou desirest peace, prepare for war.” — A lie as old as Rome

There standeth an ancient proverb, carved into the halls of power since the days of Rome: “If thou desirest peace, prepare for war.” It is whispered in war rooms, engraved upon the hearts of generals, and hath served for generations as the founding logic of every arms race that ever stripped food from the mouths of children to fill the warehouses of weapons manufacturers.

I stand before this axiom today, and I do most solemnly refute it.

Not once in all of recorded history hath a nation armed itself to peace. What nations have armed themselves to is — more war. The sword begets the sword. The missile begets the missile. Fear begets fear, and hatred, once kindled by the torch of violence, doth not extinguish itself upon the death of enemies. It multiplies. It descends unto the children, and unto their children’s children, until the very reason for the original war hath been long forgotten but the killing continues still.

Wars do not build bridges. Wars build walls. Wars do not heal wounds. Wars infect them and pass them down through generations like a poison in the bloodstream.

Wars create orphans. Wars create widows. Wars create flat cities where neighbourhoods once stood, rubble where schools once rang with laughter, silence where markets once buzzed with life. Wars create the kind of grief that never fully heals — the grief of a parent who sent a child to school and never saw her come home.

And after all of this — after all the centuries, all the weapons, all the young lives spent — the question remains exactly as it was on the first day of the first war: where is the peace?

The old lie hath been tested across every generation of human history. It hath failed every single time. It is time to bury it, and to try something that hath never truly been tried at the scale this world demands.



PART THE SECOND

The War Without End — and Why It Could Never End

A thousand generations of swords that produced no peace

Since the beginning of recorded time, men have gone to war over the same piece of land, for the same reasons, and received the same result.

Generation after generation, in the land called Holy, armies have marched and kingdoms have fallen and new armies have risen on the ruins of the old. Conquest followed conquest. Exile followed exile. Every victor believed he had finally settled the matter. Every victor was wrong.

And this is not only the story of one land. It is the story of every land. From the oldest civilisations of the East to the empires of Europe to the nations born in the modern age — the pattern is the same. War is fought. Victory is declared. Peace is announced. And within a generation, sometimes within a decade, the war begins again, fought by the children of those who fought before, against the children of those who were fought before, for reasons they inherited rather than chose.

The child born into war did not start the war. But he is asked to continue it, and his children after him, and their children after them — unto the thousandth generation. This is what war produces: not peace, but inheritance of grief.

In the land most sacred to three of the world's great religions — the land where prophets walked and psalms were written and prayers rise from a thousand minarets and church bells at every dawn — there are children today who have known nothing but war. They were born into it. They go to sleep to the sound of it. They have never known a morning without the possibility of it.

And on the other side of the fence, there are also children who go to sleep to the sound of sirens, who have learned from the earliest age that the sky can become dangerous, who have grown up knowing that they are hated by people they have never met.

Both sets of children are innocent. Both sets of children are suffering. Both sets of children are paying, with their childhoods and sometimes with their lives, for decisions made by adults before they were born.

Ask yourself this: if war could have solved this, would it not have solved it by now? If strength of arms could have brought lasting peace to that land, would it not have brought it across all those hundreds of years of trying?

No sword in all of human history has ever been long enough to cut hatred out of a human heart. And no bomb has ever been powerful enough to destroy the desire of a people to be free and to be treated with dignity.

The reason the war without end hath no end is not a lack of military capability. Both sides possess weapons enough to destroy the other many times over. The reason it hath no end is that war cannot produce what they are seeking. What they are seeking — what every human being on every side of every conflict is truly seeking — is not victory.

It is peace. It is safety. It is the ability to live without fear. It is dignity. It is the future.

And there is only one force in the universe that hath ever produced these things lastingly, reliably, and for all people equally. It is not a weapon. It cannot be manufactured or purchased. It does not require a budget or a conscript army. It was given to the world, freely, two thousand years ago, by the only One who hath ever truly understood it — because He is its very source.

His name is Jesus. And He is the reason this book exists.



PART THE THIRD

Jesus: The Prince of Peace and the Author of Love

The only One who ever truly solved the problem of enmity

Before we speak of love, we must speak of Him from whom all love flows. For to speak of love without speaking of Jesus is to speak of sunlight without speaking of the sun.

He was born in the most unlikely of circumstances — not in a palace, not in a seat of power, not in a general's tent or a king's chamber, but in a stable, in a manger, in a town so small it was barely worth naming. He came not with armies, not with chariots, not with the political machinery that every ruler before and after Him has employed. He came with nothing but Himself — and that was enough to change everything.

The world into which He was born was not so different from ours. It was a world of occupation and resistance, of ethnic hatred and religious division, of the powerful grinding the faces of the poor and the oppressed dreaming of the day they could grind back. The Romans occupied the land. The Jewish people longed for liberation. The Samaritans were despised by their neighbours. The tax collectors were traitors in the eyes of their own people. Zealots sharpened their knives for revolution. The whole land crackled with the electricity of violence about to break.

Into this world, Jesus walked. And the first thing He said, in the most famous sermon ever delivered, was this:

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.” — Matthew 5:9

Not the warmakers. Not the victors. Not the strongest or the cleverest or the best-armed. The peacemakers. Those who choose, at cost to themselves, to build bridges where others build walls, to speak reconciliation where others speak revenge, to see the image of God in the face of the enemy.

He was called, by the prophet Isaiah, seven hundred years before His birth, by a name that still echoes across every conflict in human history:

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” — Isaiah 9:6

The Prince of Peace. Not merely a teacher of peace. Not merely an advocate for peace. The Prince of it — its sovereign, its source, its very embodiment.

But He was not only the Prince of Peace. He was, and is, the very Author and essence of love itself. The Apostle John, who knew Him more intimately than perhaps any other, wrote the three most radical words in the history of human thought:

“*God is love.*” — 1 John 4:8

Not “God loves.” Not “God is loving.” But God is love — love is not merely something He does or something He feels. It is what He is. His very nature, His very substance, is love. And if you wish to understand love in its purest form, you must look at Him.

And what did this God of love, this Prince of Peace, do when He encountered enmity? He did not raise an army. He did not call down fire. He did not organise a resistance movement or pen a political manifesto. He did something that hath confounded the powerful and the proud in every generation since:

He loved His enemies.

He sat at the table with those who were despised. He healed the servants of those who occupied His land. He wept over the city that He knew would kill Him. He spoke forgiveness from the cross to those who were nailing Him to it. And when the disciples asked Him how they should treat those who wronged them — not once, not twice, but seventy times seven times — He said: forgive.

This was not weakness. Let no one mistake it for weakness. It takes no courage to hate. It takes no strength to launch a missile. Any frightened nation, any wounded people, any man with enough money, can start a war. But to love an enemy — to refuse to be defined by the worst thing that was ever done to you, to look at the face of the one who wronged you and choose to see a human being rather than a target — this is the most radical, most demanding, most genuinely powerful act that any person or any nation hath ever performed.

Jesus did not merely preach peace. He demonstrated it, at the ultimate cost, and then rose from the dead to prove that love is stronger than everything the world can throw against it. Love is stronger than hatred. Love is stronger than violence. Love is stronger than death itself.

This is why, when we speak of love as the path to peace, we are not speaking of sentiment. We are not speaking of naivety or idealism or the wishful thinking of those who have never known suffering. We are speaking of the most proven, most tested, most historically vindicated force in the universe

— the very nature of God Himself, made flesh and walked among us, and shown to be unconquerable.

And He is available. Right now. To every president and every general, to every wounded nation and every grieving family, to every person who is tired of hating and tired of being hated. He is available. He is willing. He is, even now, knocking at the door.

The only question is whether we will open.



PART THE FOURTH

What Love Truly Is — The Word of God Speaks

1 Corinthians 13: the greatest definition ever written

The Prince of Peace left us, through His servant Paul, the most precise and powerful description of love ever committed to human language.

It was written to a church that was tearing itself apart with divisions, factions, and the pride of those who thought their gifts made them superior to their brothers. Paul wrote to them and said: without love, you have nothing. Without love, all your gifts are noise. Without love, you are nothing. And then he told them what love is.

Read these words slowly. Read them as a head of state reads a treaty. Read them as a general reads orders. Read them as a mother reads a letter from her child at the front. For they are the most important words in this book, and perhaps the most important words written in answer to the question of war:

*“Love suffereth long, and is kind;
love envieth not;
love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
Doth not behave itself unseemly,
seeketh not her own,
is not easily provoked,
thinketh no evil;
Rejoiceth not in iniquity,
but rejoiceth in the truth;
Beareth all things,
believeth all things,
hopeth all things,
endureth all things.
Love never faileth.”*

— 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 (KJV)

Now hold these words against the image of every war ever fought, and listen to the verdict they deliver.

Love suffereth long — but war hath no patience. War demands immediate satisfaction. War is the child of impatience, the offspring of the demand for resolution now, by force, on our terms.

Love is kind — but kindness is the first casualty of every conflict. The moment a nation decides to go to war, it suspends kindness by decree. It cannot afford kindness. Kindness to the enemy, it believes, is treason.

Love envieth not — but envy of land, of resources, of power, of influence, hath lit the fuse of every war in history. Show me a war and I will show you envy dressed in the uniform of righteousness.

Love seeketh not her own — but what is war if not the ultimate expression of a nation seeking its own? Its own security, its own dominance, its own version of peace on its own terms, regardless of what that costs the other.

Love is not easily provoked — but provocation is the very grammar of war. Every war in history hath begun with a provocation, real or manufactured, used to justify what was already decided.

Love thinketh no evil — but the general must think of nothing but the enemy's destruction. The entire machinery of war is devoted to thinking evil against the enemy, planning evil against him, executing evil against him, and calling it strategy.

Love keepeth no record of wrongs — but war is nothing but the meticulous, generational bookkeeping of wrongs, every slight repaid with compound interest in blood, every debt called in with children's lives as the currency.

And then the last line: Love never faileth. Wars always fail. Every single one of them, eventually, fails to produce what it promised. Empires fall. Armies rust. Victories turn to ashes. But love never fails. Not once. Not ever.

This is why Jesus — who is love, who came to show us love, who died and rose to prove love's ultimate power — is the only lasting answer to the question of peace. Not a strategy. Not a treaty. Not a balance of power. A Person. The Person of Christ, the Author of Love, the Prince of Peace.

And we have spent two thousand years admiring His words and refusing to live by them. It is time to choose differently.



PART THE FIFTH

The World That Burns

A witness account from the present hour

As these words are written, the world is at war.

Not one war. Many wars. In different corners of the earth, in different languages, under different flags, for different stated reasons — but with the same result: children dying, cities burning, families shattered, futures erased.

There are cities today that do not look like cities any more. From the air they look like the surface of the moon — grey and cratered and lifeless. Streets that were full of children last year are rubble this year. Markets that hummed with life have been silenced. Homes that held families, laughter, the smell of cooking, the sound of prayer — have been reduced to dust and memory.

There are widows who have lost everything — husband, sons, daughters — and still they stand in the ruins and they do not know why. There are orphans — children with no surviving family, sitting alone in the rubble of everything they ever knew, staring at a future that hath nothing in it, because war came and took everything.

There are schoolrooms with empty chairs. Chairs that will never be filled again. Bags that no child will carry. Books that no hands will open. And somewhere, there are parents who kissed their children goodbye in the morning and never saw them come home — because the war did not stop for school hours.

Every empty chair in every bombed school is a verdict against the old lie. Every orphan sleeping in rubble is a witness against the proverb that prepares for war. Every widow who weeps without understanding why is a living argument for the path we have refused to take.

And what hath all this death and destruction purchased? What **peace** hath it produced? Where are the secured borders, the guaranteed futures, the vindicated principles? Where is the peace that was promised when the first bomb was dropped, the first soldier was sent, the first mother was told her son would not be coming home?

It is not here. It was never here. It was never going to be here.

Because peace cannot be built on graves. Peace cannot be secured by fear. Peace cannot be maintained by force alone, because the force must be maintained forever, and the hatred it suppresses grows larger with every generation, and eventually — always, without a single exception in all of history — it erupts again.



PART THE SIXTH

An Exhortation to the Leaders of Men

A direct address to those who hold the power of life and death

I speak now directly to those who hold power. Ye Presidents, Prime Ministers, Supreme Leaders, Generals, Ministers of Defence, and all who have the authority to send the young to die or to lay down that authority and choose another way.

I ask you one question — one question only. Answer it in the quiet of your chambers, when the maps are rolled away, the advisors have gone home, and you are alone with your conscience and your God:

Has war ever given you what you truly seek?

You seek security. But security built on the rubble of your enemy's homes is not security — it is a fortress with a thousand enemies on its walls, growing more numerous with every generation, fuelled by grief you created and cannot undo.

You seek peace. But a peace imposed by force is not peace — it is a ceasefire. It is enemies biding their time. It is the next war being planned while the flags of the last one are still being waved.

You seek legacy. You will have one. But consider what it will be. The leaders who are remembered with honour across the centuries are not those who won the most battles. They are those who, at the moment when war seemed inevitable, found the courage to choose peace instead. They are remembered because they were willing to bend, to sit at a table, to see the other side as human, to offer something, to risk something — for the sake of children not yet born who would not have to fight.

Peacemakers are remembered. Warriors are forgotten. The mothers whose children died in the wars of the past cannot even tell you the name of the general who ordered the campaign. But they remember the moment the war ended.

I ask you to invest — not in weapons that rust and missiles that fly once and are gone — but in the lives of the people you call your enemies. Build their schools. Heal their sick. Acknowledge their humanity. For an enemy whose children are educated and fed and treated with dignity is an enemy who, in a generation, will no longer wish to be your enemy.

Love is the only strategy that hath no blowback. Love is the only investment that compounds across generations in the direction of peace rather than war. Love is the only policy that addresses the actual root of every conflict — the human need to be seen, to be valued, to be treated as made in the image of God.

Try it. For the first time in history, at the scale this world demands — try it.



PART THE SEVENTH

The Enemies of Love Are Named

Know thy true adversary — and know he is defeatable

Let us be honest about what truly drives men to war. For you cannot defeat an enemy you refuse to name.

Fear. The fear of the other. The fear of annihilation. The fear that if we do not strike first, they will strike us. Fear is the most powerful recruiting sergeant war hath ever had. But the Scripture is plain: perfect love casteth out fear. Not negotiation. Not deterrence. Love. Because love looks at the feared other and sees a human being, not a threat — and a human being can be spoken to, reasoned with, and ultimately befriended.

Greed. The desire for more — more land, more resources, more influence, more power over the routes of commerce and the flows of wealth. Greed dresses itself in the language of national interest and strategic necessity, but at its core it is simply the oldest sin in the book — the desire to have what belongs to another. Love gives. Greed takes. And the world hath tried greed's approach long enough to know where it leads.

Pride. The unwillingness to be seen to bend. The belief that to seek peace is to admit defeat, that to acknowledge the other's grievance is to validate their cause, that to sit at a table is to surrender the high ground. Pride hath kept wars going long after both sides knew they needed to end. Pride hath cost more lives than any weapon. But love is not proud — love bends, and bending is not breaking. It is the beginning of building.

Revenge. The bitter, generational need to make the other suffer as we have suffered. The inheritance of grievance, passed from parent to child like a sacred duty, so that children who had nothing to do with the original wound are sent to avenge it with their lives. But love breaks the cycle. Love is the only force that can look at a wound and choose not to pass it on. Love says: it ends with me.

Selfishness. The deepest root of all — the belief that our people matter more than their people. That the children on our side have names and faces and futures, and the children on their side are merely statistics. That the image of God is stamped only on those who speak our language, worship in our manner, and were born inside our borders.

*These are the true enemies of peace. They are universal.
They are human. They do not wear uniforms or carry
passports. They live in every heart — yours and mine*

included. And they are defeated by one thing only: the love of Jesus Christ, poured into a willing heart.

God Almighty designed this earth large enough for all His children. He gave us not only land and sea and sky, but **conscience** — that inner voice that whispers when we see a child in need, when we witness injustice, when we behold the suffering of another. That voice is not weakness. That voice is the echo of Love Himself.



PART THE EIGHTH

A Vision of What Might Be

Dare to imagine the world love would build

I have seen a vision. Let me paint it for you — not as fantasy, but as the natural consequence of a world that chose, at last, to take Jesus at His word.

I see a day when the weapons of war are dismantled — not because one nation defeated another, but because all nations agreed that building a future for children was more glorious than destroying the present for enemies.

I see cities rebuilt. Not by the guilt-money of those who bombed them, but by the genuine, costly, freely-given love of neighbours who decided that the suffering of those across the border was their business too. I see those rebuilt cities full of children who do not know, because they were never taught, to hate the children on the other side.

I see widows who have found each other across the lines of conflict and discovered that their grief speaks the same language in every tongue. I see orphans who have been given not just bread and shelter but belonging — the knowledge that the world sees them, that their lives matter, that they are not alone in the rubble.

I see leaders who found the courage to be remembered for peace rather than power — who sat at tables, and made hard compromises, and were called weak by those who would rather have had the war — and who are honoured by the children who grew up in the peace those compromises purchased.

I see the trillions that were spent on bombs being spent instead on schools, on hospitals, on clean water, on the things that make a human being feel

that life is worth living and therefore not worth throwing away in service of someone else's ideology of hatred.

Is this a dream? Perhaps. But the world was also once a dream. Every act of creation began with someone believing that what did not yet exist could exist. Peace is not achieved by realists. It is achieved by those who insist, against all the evidence of the present, on the possibility of a different future.

I am willing to insist. Are you?



PART THE NINTH

A Final Plea

The most urgent words in this book

I have heard the sirens. I have seen the pictures of the flat cities, the rubble where homes once stood, the orphaned children sitting in the wreckage of everything they ever knew.

I have counted the empty chairs in bombed classrooms. I have read the numbers of the widows and the orphans and the displaced. I have watched generation after generation of leaders choose the path that hath never once, in all of human history, produced a lasting peace.

And I come to you now, not with anger, not with accusation, but with a simple and urgent truth:

There is another way. It hath always been there. It was shown to us two thousand years ago by a Man in a stable in Bethlehem who grew up to be the most transformative figure in human history — not because He conquered, but because He loved.

No lasting peace was ever won by killing all your enemies. For the slain rise again — in the hearts of their children, in the memory of their people, in the unquenchable fire of vengeance that passeth from generation to generation. The only way to eliminate an enemy is to make him your friend. And the only way to make an enemy your friend is love.

Not sentimental love. Not the love that surrenders to evil or pretends injustice is not real. But the strong, costly, courageous love of 1 Corinthians 13 — the love that beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. The love that hung upon a cross and said “Father, forgive them” — and changed the world more completely than every army and every empire in history combined.

To every leader of every warring nation, I say this with no political agenda and every human sincerity:

You have tried war. It hath not worked. Try love. Not as weakness — but as the most radical, most courageous, most genuinely powerful force this world hath ever been offered. Try it as Jesus meant it. Try it as though you believed it. Try it as though the children in those empty chairs deserved better than what we have given them.

There hath been enough weeping. There hath been enough blood upon the ground. The orphans are enough. The widows are enough. The flat cities are enough. The empty chairs are enough.

It is time, at last, to try love.



A Simple Prayer for These Words

*May these words find the hearts they are meant to find.
May they rest in the mind of a leader in a quiet moment.
May they reach the orphan who has no one left,
and tell her she is not forgotten.
May they reach the soldier who is not yet sure
why he is pulling the trigger.
May they cross every border that missiles have failed to cross.
May they be read in every capital city of every warring nation.
May they find the tired diplomat who needs to be reminded
that there is always another way.*

*May they be a seed that grows into something
none of us can yet imagine.*

*And may you, dear reader, know that you have done
a good thing by reading to the end.*

In Jesus' name

— Amen—.

*Now go.
Share this message.
Let love have its word.*



EPILOGUE

To the One Who Reads This

Whether thou art president or peasant — thou hast power

Thou hast reached the end. That means something. Most people will not read to the end. You did. You are the kind of person this world needs.

Whether thou art a president or a peasant, a general or a grocer, a soldier or a student, a mother or a minister — thou hast power. The power to choose love today, in some small way.

Speak kindly of thy supposed enemy. Refuse to share the content that dehumanises the other side. Pray — if thou prayest — for those thou hast been taught to hate. Give to those who are suffering, wherever they are, whatever flag they were born beneath.

Write to thy leaders. Tell them you will not fund endless war. Tell them you demand the investment of your nation's treasure in life, not in death. Tell them you have read a book that reminded you there is another way, and you expect them to find it.

Share this book. It is free. It costs nothing to pass on. Post it everywhere. Tag the powerful. Let it find a president's desk. Let it find a general's pillow. Let it find the child growing up in a flat city, and tell her that somewhere in the world, someone believes she deserves better.

The Prince of Peace is still the Prince of Peace. The Author of Love is still writing. Love never faileth — not because this book says so, but because He says so, and He hath never been wrong.

The world shall be a better place. God designed this earth to accommodate every soul that walketh upon it. There is enough land, enough food, enough water, enough sun — enough of everything — for every human being to live in dignity and peace. The scarcity that driveth wars is not a scarcity of resources. It is a scarcity of love.

And love — unlike oil, unlike land, unlike gold — is the one resource that multiplies the more you give it away.

**“Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God.”**

— *Matthew 5:9*

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